

GENTEX CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Downing Steven R (Last) (First) (Middle)  14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE (Street)  HOLLAND,Â MIÂ 49424 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GENTEX CORP [GNTX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Financial Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,475	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/30/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/30/2013	Common Stock	648	\$ 14.3 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/28/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/28/2014	Common Stock	1,750	\$ 14.25 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/30/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/30/2015	Common Stock	3,150	\$ 19.525 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/29/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/29/2016	Common Stock	4,410	\$ 24.96 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/27/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/27/2019	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 17.27 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Downing Steven R 14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE HOLLAND, MI 49424	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Steven R.  
Downing

05/28/2013

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares become exercisable as to 25% one year after date of grant and an additional 25% at each ensuing anniversary date.
- (2) Options granted under the Gentex Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan which is a Rule 16B plan.
- (3) These shares become exercisable as to 20% one year after date of grant and an additional 20% at each ensuing anniversary date.

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